# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 28, 2013



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dwight Collins, ArLyne Diamond, Bobbie Estrada,

Frank Kadlecek, Donna Marencia, Alice Pivacek

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Renee Furtado, Therapeutic Services Supervisor

Marilyn Dippell, Recreation Superintendent Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center

Morgan Pershing, Librarian

Wendy Talbert, RN, Health and Wellness Jim Teixeira, Parks & Recreation Director

GUESTS: Jolene Bradford, Wanda Buck, Kay Ryan, Nayana

Shah, Sarah Triano

#### MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION - None

- I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order by Chair Collins.
- II. ROLL CALL All present.
- III. <u>MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 MEETING</u> Minutes were approved as written.
- IV. <u>APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE MEETING AGENDA</u> New business moved to the top of the agenda.
- V. <u>CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS</u> It was announced that Julio Fuentes is our new Santa Clara City Manager effective February 4, 2013. Senior Advisory Commissioner recruitment extended to March 6<sup>th</sup>. The January, February, and March furlough days have been cancelled. Recreation Superintendent, Marilyn Dippell is retiring April 2013.

## VI. <u>COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS</u>:

A. <u>Chair's Report</u>: Commissioner Collins reported that on YouTube there is an article on "Conserved" (conservatorship) and Giesel Riordan at the

- Villa Fontana. "Yelp" is another site to check out services offered in the area.
- B. <u>Council on Aging (COA)</u>: Commissioner Collins reported Cal Fresh (food stamps) could be obtained from Catholic Charities. He gave an ADA report.
- C. <u>Advisory Council/California Senior Legislature (CSL)</u>: Commissioner Collins reported that legislators have picked six of CSL's proposals to pursue.
- D. Senior Center Needs/Transportation: No report.
- E. <u>Volunteer/Communication</u>: Commissioner Kadlecek reported that there are new volunteers for the Fitness Room and on January 23 there was a meeting for volunteers. He reported that there were 15 volunteers in tax training and tax preparation would start Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. He requested that all the computers be checked out prior to the start of tax season.
- F. Organizations Serving Santa Clara Seniors: No report.
- G. Nutrition/Dining: Commissioner Pivacek reviewed the report.
- H. <u>Seniors and the Arts in Santa Clara</u>: Commissioner Diamond reported that there is a summit on January 30<sup>th</sup> at Santa Clara University on "Local Arts Groups and Helping Each Other".
- I. <u>Healthy Seniors</u>: Commissioner Estrada reported that the winter/spring schedule of Health and Wellness classes is out. The City is partnering with The Health Trust to offer, SPA (Senior Peer Advocates) a volunteer information and referral program. The Senior Center has two new nurses, Wendy Talbert and Larisa Polozova. Outreach information is located outside the nurse's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Senior Center.

#### VII. <u>STAFF REPORTS</u>:

- A. Librarian Morgan Pershing reported on upcoming events and had handouts.
- B. Recreation Supervisor Phil Orr reported that the installation of a diesel powered emergency generator is being installed in the rear parking lot since the Center is a designated evacuation site and Red Cross shelter. Lunch Meet in December on "Frauds & Scams" was well attended. Up coming Lunch Meets: January School District Superintendent, Bobbie Plough; February California Highway Patrol on "Age Well Drive Smart". Show Time is on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Commissioners Diamond

and Estrada will attend Leadership Santa Clara. Santa Clara University and the Senior Center have two joint projects for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year: 1) Psychology of Aging Class – "What Really Matters To Me and Why" and 2) Photography Class - "A Century Between Us". The Senior Needs Assessment is on the Council's agenda for tomorrow (January 29<sup>th</sup>).

#### VIII. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: None.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, Sarah Triano and Nyana Shaw. At the invitation of the Commission, these two representatives described the mission, programs, and services offered by their organization to disabled persons in Santa Clara County.
- X. <u>PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS</u>: Jolene Bradford from Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) gave an overview of the "Senior Mobility Guide" which covers public rides, community rides, and private rides available and "Train the Trainer" on how to use the bus.
- XI. CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234: No report.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Clara Senior Center, Room 232.

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